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Heavenly Executioner CHIWOOD



Rebellious Chiwoo is the town's outcast. Without his mother and father to raise him, Chiwoo finds this world a difficult place to fit in. If only his mysterious father, whom he's never seen before, would just show himself! Then one fateful day, he finds out that his father is a Mangwan, a mysterious executioner who carries out God's judgment. Only his father's dance prior to the beheading of a sinner determines the fate of one's afterlife - the forgiveness from God, or the eternal damnation. Can forgiveness be achieved through death? Could you love a stranger enough to behead him? Now on the run from an Emperor determined to obliterate all Mangwans and their secrets, Chiwoo must fight to fulfil his destiny.

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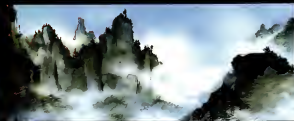
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HIDDEN UNDER
THE DARKNESS OF
THE SHADOWS...
ALL IS UNSEEN...

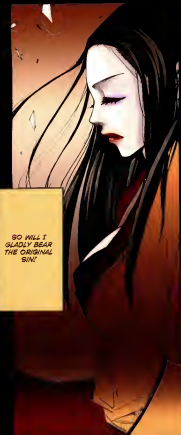


WOULD I BE THE
ONE TO SNUFF OUT
THE LAST CANDLE?
IF ONLY TO PREVENT
THIS WORLD FROM
ITS DEMISE...



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SO WILL I
GLADLY BEAR
THE ORIGINAL
SIN!



HEY! YOU
BASTARD!
C'MERE...

YOU WILL BE THE ONE
TO BRING THIS WORLD
INTO THE LIGHT OR THE
DARKNESS...
THE CHOICE WILL BE
YOURS TO MAKE.



YOU WON'T
GET AWAY
THIS TIME!

SIGH-
ANOTHER
COMOTION
OUTSIDE...

WHAT'D
YOU DO
THIS TIME,
CHIWOO?

CHIWOO, IT IS
NOW YOUR TIME
TO CHOOSE!



NEVER! I'LL
NEVER
APOLOGIZE!!

HE'S THE
ONE WHO
CALLED ME
A BASTARD
ORPHAN!!!



OH! C'MON
NOW, CHIWOO.
YOU KNOW
YOU'RE NOT
AN ORPHAN!!

THAT'S
NOT
ALL!



HE WAS
CALLING ME
THE SON OF A
MANG-
NAN!!



I HATE
YOU,
UNCLE
WOL-
BAEK!!
YOU
NEVER
TAKE
MY
SIDE!!

DASH

*MANGNAN: ENDOUSMERS IN ANCIENT KOREA. THEY WERE CONSIDERED TO BE THE LOWEST CLASS IN THE SOCIAL STRUCTURE, AND WERE LOOKED DOWN UPON.

CHIWOO, YOU IDIOT!!!
JUMPING THROUGH
THE WINDOWS AGAIN!
YOUR FATHER WILL
KILL ME IF YOU
GET HURT!!

CRASH!

HMPH!
WHAT
DO I
CARE!?!

WHAT
DO I NEED
WITH A
FATHER I
HAVE NEVER
MET?

STAGE I. Those Who Know Keep Their Silence...



DAMN...
...LIKE FATHER
LIKE SON...



WHEW~!

플롭
PLOP

THIS IS
TOO
MUCH...

IT'S DEFINITELY
HARDER FOR A
BACHELOR FOR A
RAISE A KID...

HUH?
WHERE'S
CHIWOO
ANYWAY?
IT'S WAY
PAST HIS
DINNER-
TIME...

GROWL~

GRR-
SO
HUNGRY

DAMN.
I'M STARVING.
I CAN'T
THINK.

THUD

I BETTER
GO APOLO-
GIZE TO
UNCLE
WOL-BACK.

오오오오
CHATTER

OH DEAR...
WHAT SHALL
WE DO?!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

COME QUICK,
CHIWOO!
SOLDIERS ARE
BEATING UNCLE
WOL-BACK!!

IT'S ALL OYAH
NOW DAT TA'
SOLDIERS AH
COMIN' IN!

DAT ASSHOLE
LAF LORD'S AT IT
AG'IN! HE'S AH FAT
OL' PIG. HE IS!

I DON'T
KNOW! THEY
WANT HIM
TO HAND
OVER
SOMEONE...
IT WAS...
OH, YEAH!
THEY WANT
THE MANG-
NANI
FROM
HIM!





KKKK.
WHAT IF HE
IS THE
ONE?

THEN WE'LL
GET RID OF
HIM, OF
COURSE!



FINE,
I'LL
TELL
YOU!

BUT YOU
MUST
PROMISE TO
LET UNCLE
WOL-BAEK
GO!



UNCLE!!

NOW PUNK,
ANSWER
THE
QUESTION.

NAME YOUR
FATHER, OR
IT'LL BE THE
END FOR YOUR
DEADBEAT
UNCLE.



OF COURSE-!
THAT GOES
WITHOUT
SAYING!
I GIVE YOU MY
WORD.

NOW.
TELL
US...



NO, CHIWOO!
AS SOON AS YOU
REVEAL YOUR
IDENTITY, IT'LL BE THE
END FOR - NOT JUST
YOU AND ME, BUT
FOR THE ENTIRE
VILLAGE!



LISTEN
CAREFULLY.
THE NAME OF
MY FATHER
IS...



BI-
HYUN!!



WHAT?!
BI...
BI-HYUN!!

THERE'S NO
DOUBT...
HE'S THE
MANGNANI!!



SHUT UP!
I'M NOT
A MANG-
NANI!!



KKK,
YOU
LITTLE
FOOL...



I GUESS
WOL-BAEK
DIDN'T TELL
YOU...



YOUR
FATHER,
BI-HYUN, IS
THE MANG-
NANI!!

HE WOULD
EXECUTE HIS
OWN PEOPLE
JUST TO
SURVIVE. HE IS
LOWER THAN
THE DIRT
WHICH PIGS
SHIT ON!!



YOU
LIAR!!



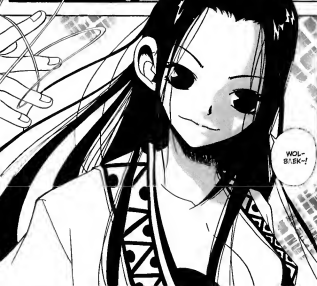
WE DON'T
REALLY CARE
WHETHER YOU
BELIEVE IT OR
NOT...



WE ARE
ONLY HERE
TO CARRY
OUT OUR
ORDERS...







IF GHIWOO'S
HIDDEN
POWER IS
UNLEASHED,
EVEN HE
WON'T BE
ABLE TO
CONTROL
IT.

THUMP

THUMP

I WAS A
MANGNANI
/ ALL
ALONG...

SON OF A
MURDERER
WHO
WOULD SLIT
THROATS
FOR
FOOD.

I'D HAVE
BEEN
BETTER
OFF AS A
BASTARD...

I'LL TEACH
YOU TO
IGNORE
US!

WOW
ZOOM

KA BOOM
PAHT
PAHT
PAHT
PAHT
Noooooooooooo!

HOW
DARE
SHE
ATTACK
AN
OFFI-
CER!

WOL-BAEK,
YOU LEAD
THE
VILLAGERS
TO
SAFETY.

IF THIS
REALLY IS
IT, THEN
YOU'RE IN
DANGER
TOO,
YUN-HWAK.

STOP WASTING
TIME STATING
THE OBVIOUS
AND GET THE
HELL OUT OF
HERE!





NO!
HE'S PENE-
TRATING THE
SHIELD!!

MANGNANI'S ARE
HEAVENLY EXECU-
TIONERS PUT ON
EARTH TO EXONER-
ATE SINNERS OF
THEIR CRIMES!!



THEY
JUDGE
WHAT'S
WRONG
AND
WHAT'S
RIGHT!!



THEY
ABIDE BY
GOD, AND
ARE OF THE
HOLY
BLOODLINE!
IT IS THEM
THAT MUST
CONDEMN
OR FORGIVE.
AND
THAT
IS WHAT A
MANGNANI
IS!!



AND
CHIWOO,
YOU...!



I
CAN'T
HOLD
IT...



YOU
WERE
LIKE
MY...
NO!
YOU
ARE
MY
SON!!



ARK!





WHAT THE...?
WHAT
HAPPENED TO
OUR HOUSE?
...WHAT
HAPPENED
TO OUR
VILLAGE?



YOU HONESTLY
DON'T
REMEMBER
ANYTHING,
CHIWOO?

HONEST!
WELL, I REMEMBER
THE SOLDIERS
CALLING ME A
MANGNANI AND
THEN... I DON'T
KNOW...



HURRY
FORTH, YOU
CURSED
CHILD OF A
MANG-
NANI...



OH, YEAH!!
WHERE
ARE
THEY?
HOW DARE
THEY CALL
ME A
MANG-
NANI!!



WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOUR
FACE? IT'S
ALL CUT
UP!



CHIWOO,
WE NEED
TO TALK.



YEAHP
WHAT'S UP?
YOU SOUND
SO
SERIOUS.



BEFORE I
WIPE OUT
THE WHOLE
VILLAGE.



WHAT IS
UNCLE
WOL-BAEK
THINKING?



MAKING
ME CLIMB
A CLIFF
LIKE THIS!

CHIWOOD,
LISTEN
CAREFULLY.

I'VE GOT NO
TIME TO EXPLAIN WHAT
A MANGNANI IS, OR
WHO YOUR FATHER
REALLY IS, AND WHY
THEY'RE HUNTING YOU
DOWN NOW.



YOU WILL HAVE
TO DISCOVER
THE ANSWERS
ON YOUR OWN,
CHIWOOD.



ON...
ON MY OWN
HOW?



THE ENTIRE
KINGDOM HAS
BEEN HUNTING
FOR YOUR
NECK.

AND NOW THAT
YOUR WHERE-
ABOUTS HAVE BEEN
REVEALED, YOU
WON'T BE ABLE TO
STAY HERE.



HAHAHAHA,
NO WAY!
I NEVER KNEW
YOU WERE SO
FUNNY!



I'M NOT
JOKING
AROUND
HERE!! I
TOLD YOU
TO LISTEN
CARE-
FULLY!!!



YOUR
FATHER'S SWORD
YUHYUNGDO*
IS AT THE TOP OF
MT. NOK'EM.
YOU MUST
RECOVER IT.

*YUHYUNGDO: THE
WORD OF DARK SPIRIT.

ONCE THE
SWORD IS IN
YOUR HANDS,
IT WILL GUIDE
YOU TO THE
ANSWERS YOU
SEEK.

IF I DO WHAT
YOU SAY...THEN
PERHAPS
EVERYTHING
WILL RETURN
TO NORMAL,
RIGHT?

YOU'LL
GET THE
ANSWER
TO THAT
QUESTION
AS WELL.

WHATEVER!
UNCLE
WOL-BAEK'S
GONE CRAZY!

KEKEKE

A BIT LATE,
DON'T YOU
THINK? LORD
YI-YUN IS
ALREADY
WAITING AT
THE MOUTH
OF THE
SUMMIT.

WHAT?
ARE YOU
SAYING THAT
HE WENT
HIMSELF?

I CAN'T
BELIEVE HE
WENT TO
CATCH THAT
PATHETIC
LITTLE MANG-
NANI! WHAT
COULD HE
POSSIBLY BE
THINKING?

ZEE
ZEEK

HE IS ONE
OF THE FOUR
GREAT GENERALS
WITH THE POWER
TO DESTROY
A SMALL
NATION...AT
WILL!

STOP
BEING
PARANOID!
IT WAS A
DIRECT ORDER
FROM THE
EMPEROR!!

I HAVE
IMPORTANT
INFORMA-
TION. RELAY
THIS
MESSAGE
TO LORD
YI-YUN.

ZEEZEEK

THE
MANGNANI
IS HEADING
TO MT.
NOW'EM
ALONE.

WELL, FINE THEN.
POOR MANGNANI
BASTARD. HE'LL
BE BLOWN UP TO
SMITHEREENS!

ALL CALLED HIM CHIWOO CHEONWANG FOR CHIWOO MEANT 'HE WHO CAN CREATE THUNDER AND RAIN AND DISRUPT THE FLOW OF THE RIVERS AND THE MOUNTAINS.'>

AND ALTHOUGH HUANG DI XUAN YUAN DEFEATED CHIWOO IN SIMA QIAN'S "RECORD OF HISTORIANS", ACCORDING TO THE HWANDANGOGI, IT WAS CHIWOO WHO CRUSHED HUANG DI XUAN YUAN AND MADE HIM HIS SLAVE. AND IT IS SAID THAT CHIWOO CHEONWANG WAS THE FIRST TO CREATE ARMOR AND HELMETS, BUT BECAUSE THE PEOPLE OF THAT TIME PERIOD WERE LESS ADVANCED THEY DID NOT REALIZE WHAT ARMOR WAS, SO THEY DOCUMENTED CHIWOO'S ARMOR AS IF CHIWOO HIMSELF HAD A COPPER HEAD AND AN IRON FOREHEAD. THIS SHOWS THAT CHIWOO'S SOCIETY HAD ADVANCED ARMOR AND WEAPONRY AS WELL AS CULTURE. NOW, HWANDANGOGI IS A VERY CONTROVERSIAL HISTORICAL BOOK AND BECAUSE IT'S SUCH A SENSITIVE SUBJECT, I WILL NOT REVEAL MY OWN PERSONAL COMMENTS OF THE MATTER. ANYONE WHO IS CURIOUS ABOUT IT SHOULD DEFINITELY READ HWANDANGOGI FOR THEMSELVES.

EVEN WITHOUT HWANDANGOGI, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT PROVES THAT CHIWOO CHEONWANG IS AN ANCESTOR OF KOREANS. DURING THE SANGO PERIOD OF EASTERN ASIA, THERE WERE THREE DIFFERENT TYPES OF FAMILIES; THE FAMILY OF HWAHA, THE FAMILY OF MYUMAN AND THE FAMILY OF DONGI. ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE HISTORIANS, CHIWOO WAS THE LEADER OF THE SOUTHERN MYUMAN FAMILY. THEN OF COURSE, IT'S HARD TO SEE HOW CHIWOO CAN BE OUR ANCESTOR, BUT ACCORDING TO THE "RECORDS OF HISTORIANS," IT IS WRITTEN THAT GURYUH'S KING WAS CHIWOO. BECAUSE GURYUH'S FAMILY LOCATION WAS THE SAME AS DONGI'S FAMILY, THIS CONFIRMS THAT CHIWOO WAS THE KING OF DONGI. AND THE LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF CHIWOO CHEONWANG SEEMS TO BE WHERE THE DONGI CIVILIZATION USED TO LIVE. EVEN NOW, AS MANY ARTIFACTS ARE BEING FOUND AND MANY HISTORIANS ARE STILL PIECING THE FACTS TOGETHER, IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT CHIWOO CHEONWANG IS AN ANCESTOR OF KOREANS.



STAGE 2. Only a Fool Speaks...





YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW
DO YOU, THIS IS THE SACRED
MOUNTAIN OF SWORDS. MANY
COME HERE TO
RETRIEVE
THEM

WOAH!
THERE ARE
SO MANY
SWORDS
HERE...!

AND A
VILLAGE...
IN A PLACE
LIKE THIS?

IF A WARRIOR
LOSES HIS LIFE ON THE
BATTLEFIELD FAR FROM
HOME, HIS SWORD ENDS
UP HERE AT THE
"SACRED MOUNTAIN
OF SWORDS".

THE PLACE
WHERE THE
SWORDS OF
THE DEAD
REST?

YES, THE
SKELETAL REMAINS
OF THE DEAD ARE
IMPOSSIBLE TO
IDENTIFY, SO THE
SWORDS ARE
BROUGHT HERE
INSTEAD.

AND SOMETIMES
PEOPLE COME HERE
TO PRAY THAT THE
SWORDS OF THEIR
LOVED ONES DON'T
END UP HERE.

SO YOU SEE?
IT WASN'T HARD
FOR ME TO
GUESS WHY YOU
CAME UP HERE.

I'LL GET YOU
FOR THIS,
UNCLE
WOL-BAERY!
YOU TOLD ME
THAT MY
FATHER'S STILL
ALIVE!

HUNT...

DID YOU
COME TO
RETRIEVE A
FAMILY
SWORD TOO
THEN,
YI-YUNP?

NO.
I HAVE NO
FAMILY.



I HAD A FATHER.
BUT HE DIED WHEN I WAS YOUNG.

OH...I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT.

DID YOU AT LEAST FIND HIS SWORD?

DON'T BE SORRY! HAHHAHA...HE STILL LIVES ON IN MY HEART AS THE HEROIC MAN HE WAS.

BESIDES, HE WAS A DOCTOR. HE DIDN'T HAVE A SWORD.

WELL...YOU'RE STILL BETTER OFF THAN ME. I HAVE NEVER EVEN SEEN MY FATHER.

EVEN WHEN HE WAS ALIVE...HE NEVER CAME TO SEE ME.



SO WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP HERE THEN?















STAGE 3. Sorrow Has Nowhere to Turn but to Hatred.



CHIWO, IS IT
YOU WHO'S
LOOKING FOR
YUHYUNG-
DO?

THEN, IS
BI-HYUN
YOUR
FATHER?

HOIP YOU
KNOW
HIMP

WHAT'S
WRONG,
YI-YUN?
YOUR
FACE...





WHAT WAS
THAT?
HIS CHI
IS SO
POWERFUL

WHAT'S
GOING
ON,
YI-YUNP!



SILENCE!

HOW
DARE YOU
SAY MY
NAME,
YOU LOATH-
SOME CREA-
TURE!

BUT...WHY
ARE YOU DOING
THIS TO
ME?



THE ONE
THAT I'M
LOOKING
FOR, THE
SON OF MY
ENEMY
IS...

...YOU,
CHIWOO!!



HEY, KID.
ARE YOU
OK?

WHAT DO
YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
DOING?!



HOW DARE
YOU FIGHT IN
THIS SACRED
PLACE?!

DO NOT
INTERFERE.
LEAVE US
NOW.



YOU OBNOXIOUS
FOOL...! SOME-
BODY NEEDS TO
TEACH YOU
SOME MAN-
NERS...!







AND FEELS
LIKE SOME-
THING
PEEKED
ME?



PATHETIC
REASON?



I CAN'T
MOVE AT
ALL!



IS THAT
WHAT YOU
SAID?



YEAH, YOU
BASTARD!



THIS IS
BETWEEN YOU
AND ME, AND OUR
FATHERS!! MUST
THEIR CHILDREN
AVENGE THEIR
DEATHS NOW KILLING
OTHERS NEEDLESSLY
AS YOU HAVE?



I SAW
MY FATHER
BEING
MURDERED



AS IF FRAMING
MY FATHER WASN'T
BAD ENOUGH,
BI-HYUN HAD TO
KILL HIM LIKE A
DOG!

THE
WORST
PART OF
IT ALL
WAS...



...THAT THE
BASTARD
DANCED
DELIRIOUSLY
AS IF HE
ENJOYED IT
ALL!



RIGHT UP TILL THE
MOMENT HE
BEHEADED HIS
FRIEND!



THAT'S
WHAT YOU
ARE, A
MANGNANI,
A COLD
BLOODED
MURDERER!



AND YOU
DARE
PREACH TO
ME!



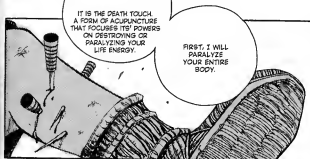
LOSING A
LOVED ONE...
HOW COULD
AN ORPHAN
LIKE ME KNOW
WHAT THAT
FEELS LIKE



BUT YOU
WHO
KNOWS
WHAT IT'S
LIKE...



UDD
MY
LEG!





LET'S END
THIS,
CHIWOO!

SHIKT

OUR
ILL-FATED
DESTINY!

NO! I
CAN'T
DIE LIKE
THIS!

SHHHHT



NO!!



BUT...
HOW?

THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!
HE SHOULD BE
PARALYZED!





NO
BAM/O

I CAN'T
SEE ANYTHING.
DOES THIS
MEAN I'M
DEAD?

RISE,
MY
LORD.

WE DO NOT
HAVE MUCH
TIME. PLEASE
OPEN YOUR
EYES, MY
LORD.

I...
I CAN
SEE
NOW!

AM I
ALIVE?
WHO IS
THAT OVER
THERE?

CAN YOU
HEAR ME,
LORD
CHIWOO?

WH...WHO
ARE YOU?
HOW DO
YOU
KNOW MY
NAME?

HOW
COULD
I NOT?

I AM THE
HARBINGER
OF DEATH.

HAR-
BINGER
OF DEATH?





IT WAS MY
DUTY TO HOLD THIS
SWORD IN SAFE
KEEPING UNTIL YOU
CAME TO CLAIM IT.



PLEASE
GRASP IT
BEFORE I
DISAPPEAR,
OR IT'LL TOO
VANISH...
FOREVER.



BUT I'VE NEVER
EVEN HELD A
SWORD
BEFORE!!



THIS IS A
GIFT FROM
GOD...

PI!



...TO YOU THE
MANGHANIS,
WISHING THAT
YOU PERFORM
WELL ON YOUR
SACRED MISSION.



THE MEMORIES
OF MANGHANIS
RUN DEEP
WITHIN YOUR
BLOOD...

...SO
YOU
WILL BE
ABLE TO
DRAW
THE
SWORD.



IT IS
TIME.

SOON I
WILL...



THIS
IS THE
END,
CHI-
WOOL!

SHI
HIK





...THAT
IS EVEN
MORE
UNFOR-
GIVABLE!!



HMPH!



URG!

IMPOSSIBLE!
HE BECAME
POWERFUL ONCE
HE GRASPED
THAT SWORD!







WHA
HOOSH

HOWEVER, YOU
HAVE ONLY ONE
MONTH. IF YOU
FAIL TO FIND
HIM IN A
MONTH...

OK, I'LL
GIVE YOU
ONE
SHOT.

I'LL
BELIEVE IN
YOUR "WAY
OF LIFE"
JUST THIS
ONCE.

IF WHAT
YOU SAY
IS TRUE,
CHIWO...

...I
WILL KILL
WOL-BAEK!

...BRING
SI-HYUN
TO MY FEET
AND MAKE
HIM BEG
FOR FORGIVE-
NESS.

WHAT?
BUT HIS
SWORD IS
HERE. THAT
MEANS
HE'S DEAD.

THEN
JUST BRING
ME HIS
CORPSE.

IF YOU
DO THAT, I
WILL APOLO-
GIZE FOR THE
LIVES I HAVE
TAKEN!

NO!!

IF YOU
LAY A
HAND ON
HIM,
I'LL...!



YOU THINK
YOU'RE STRONG
ENOUGH TO
DEFEAT
ME?



YOU'VE
ONLY
SEEN A
FRACTION OF
MY
POWER!



IF I HAD
USED ALL
OF MY
CHI, YOUR
ASHES
WOULD BE
BLOWING
AWAY BY
NOW!



DON'T
FORGET
YOUR
PLACE,
CHIWOO!!



IF YOU
WANT, I
COULD KILL
YOU AND
WOL-BAEK
RIGHT
NOW!



DON'T
FORGET
THAT YOU
ONLY HAVE
ONE
MONTH!

I PROMISE
I WON'T
TOUCH
WOL-BAEK
UNTIL THAT
TIME IS UP.



AND
DON'T
EVEN
THINK
ABOUT
TRYING
TO HIDE
HIM FROM
ME...



HE'S
ALREADY
BEING
WATCHED
24-7.



I WILL
PUT OFF
KILLING
YOU...FOR
A WHILE.



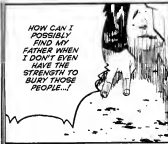
DON'T
FORGET!
ONE
MONTH.



STOP
THERE,
YOU
BASTARD!



OW...
DAMN
IT.



HOW CAN I
POSSIBLY
FIND MY
FATHER WHEN
I DON'T EVEN
HAVE THE
STRENGTH TO
BURY THOSE
PEOPLE...!



NO
NEED
TO
WORRY,
MY
LORD.





FORGIVE
ME, MY
LORD...

BUT
AREN'T YOU
IGNORING
THE
EMPERORS'
ORDERS?

BUT,
MY
LORD...

YOU HELD BACK
YOUR FULL POWER
SO AS NOT TO HARM
THE VILLAGERS, AND
LOOK! BECAUSE OF
THAT, YOU'VE
INJURED YOUR
RIGHT HAND!

THIS IS NOT
LIKE YOU.
I'M JUST
WORRIED...

SILENCE!!
HOW DARE
YOU QUESTION
MY
DECISION!!



KNOW
YOUR
PLACE.
NOW GO
BACK. I'LL
DEAL WITH
THIS
MYSELF!

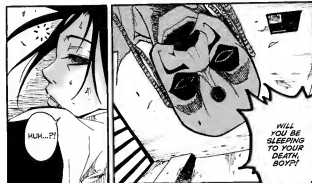


PANT!

PANT!

DAMN
IT...! THIS
HUMILI-
TATION, I
WON'T
FORGET
IT!

I WILL CAPTURE
THE MENACING
MYSELF AND
TELL THE
EMPEROR OF
YOUR BETRAYAL!



STAGE 5. No one stands alone.



HOW DARE
YOU SLEEP
ON THE
GROUND
LIKE A
COMMON
PEASANT!



HOW SHOULD I KNOW? I'M STILL STEAMING.

WHAT ON EARTH ARE THEY THINKING JAILING SOMEONE AS GREAT AS MYSELF! AND THEN YOU GO AND CALL ME WHAT, A MONSTER?!

I...I'M SORRY, I JUST FIGURED, YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT SAVING MY LIFE AND STUFF...

WHY DON'T YOU GIVE YOUR MOUTH A WELL DESERVED BREAK?!

I GUESS I SHOULD'VE INTRODUCED MYSELF FIRST. I'M MA-NO.

THE ONE AND ONLY "MASK MAGICIAN".

MASK MAGICIANP IS THAT LIKE A CLOWN? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF IT.

HEHEHE... OF COURSE YOU HAVEN'T.

THIS IS A MASK OF SONBI*. THERE ARE COUNTLESS OTHER TYPES...

*SONBI = A HIGH-PROFILE LITERARY BANNING ARTSPECT IN THE CHOGUN ERA. IT IS EQUIVALENT TO YANGBAN.

WILDLY NO WAY!

THAT'S NOT THE IMPORTANT PART!

AH, YOU'RE RIGHT. YOU SAVED MY LIFE.

THANKS DUDE. MY NAME IS CHIWOO.

YOU MUST BE A DOCTOR.

Witch

HOW DARE YOU!!

I'M NO MEDICINAL DABBLER!

CLOWNS USUALLY WEAR MASKS FOR THEIR ACTING.

MASK MAGICIANS DO NOT FALL INTO THAT SORRY CATEGORY.



WHEN WE
PUT ON MASKS,
WE INHERIT THE
PERSONALITIES
WHICH THEY
POSSESS...!

AND EACH
MASK HAS
ITS OWN
POWER!

I DON'T GET IT.
BUT BASICALLY
YOU'RE A PRETTY
NIFTY GUY,
RIGHT?

WHAT?
BASICALLY?

QUIET IN
THESE
PRISON-
ERS ARE
TO STAY
SILENT!

HEY,
YOU!

DO YOU
KNOW WHO I
AM? RELEASE
ME THIS
INSTANT!



YOU ARE MAKING
A MISTAKE! I'LL
TELL YOU WHO I
AM! I AM THE ONE
AND ONLY...

NOT THAT
AGAIN...
LIKE I HAVE
TIME TO
LISTEN TO
YOUR
YAPPING...



STOP
RIGHT
THERE!

ALRIGHT,
FINE! IF
THEY
WANT TO
PLAY
THAT
WAY
...!!

SWISH
SWISH
SWISH



WOW, HE
SURE HAS
LOTS OF
MASKS...



OHNO!
HERE IT
IS!



HAHAHA...
I KNEW IT!
I KNEW
THIS
WOULD
COME IN
HANDY!!!



MA-NO,
WHAT
IS
THAT?

HAHA...
WOULDN'T
YOU LIKE TO
KNOW?



WATCH
CARE-
FULLY.



SPARK!

PAZZZ



BI
KA

BOOM



W... WHAT
THE...?!



TAP

HAHA
HA...

FI-
NALLY!



THE MASK
OF THE
THIEF!

DOOM



HOW!

THAT'S
INCRED-
IBLE,
MA-NO!



WAIT A MINUTE...
DOES THAT MEAN
YOU'RE A THIEF NOW?
THAT'S NOT MUCH
HELP NOW,
IS IT?

HAHA
HA! YOU
FOOL!



THAT'S
RIGHT!
I AM
NOW A
THIEF!



BUT
THIEVES
AREN'T
JUST
GOOD AT
STEALING!

THEY'RE
GOOD AT
PICKING
LOCKS AS
WELL TOO!!



YOU'RE A
GENIUS!



SHH!

GOING
THE
MASK'S
POWER
WILL OVER-
TAKE ME



NYANAHANAH!

YOU'RE
NO PRO
MAGICIAN,
YOU SCRAWNY
LITTLE
AMATEUR!

WELL,
HOW DO
YOU WANT
FROM
ME?



ON, YOU
MEAN THIS
ONE?



THAT'S
TOO EASY.
NOW WATCH
HOW I DO
IT. YOU SAID
WANNA--
SE!

SHUT
UP!
OUCH!

DAMN
IT!!



HEY,
MA-NO.



HMM,
LET ME
SEE.



!!!



THIS LOOKS LIKE
AN ORDINARY
LOCK TO ME!



I'M
JUST
MESSING
AROUND,
RIDDY!

AND BE-
SCUSE I
DON'T THINK
IT'S...



WHAT
IS THIS?
I'VE
NEVER
SEEN A
LOCK
LIKE THIS
BEFORE!!

I'M
GUESSING
THAT YOU
NEED A
PASSWORD,
FINGER-
PRINTS, DNA
SAMPLES,
AND THE
CORRECT
IRIS COM-
PARISON...



...LOCKED
AT ALL...!!



HANA
HA... I
WAS
PLANNING
TO SUR-
PRISE
YOU!
HANA
HA!



A...ANYWAY,
LET'S GET
OUT OF HERE,
MY GOOD
FRIEND! BY
THE WAY,
WHAT WAS
YOUR NAME
AGAIN...?

CHIWOO.

THAT'S
RIGHT,
CHIWOO!
HANA!
THAT'S A
NICE
NAME!





HAN... I
SHOULD'VE
TOLD YOU
THIS
BEFORE

YI-SHOOSH

YI-YUN
LIED. HE
KNEW
YOU'D FAINT
FROM THE
POISON
EVENTU-
ALLY.

WHAT?!
HOW
COULD
HE...!!

MAY... MAY
I GO BACK
TO MY POST
NOW?

YES.
GO...

UGH!!

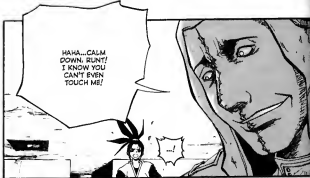
...IF YOU
CAN...
HAHAHA
...!!!

NO!!



STAGE 6. We Cherish it now
Because we know we'll
lose it one day...

HAHA...CALM
DOWN, RUNT!
I KNOW YOU
CAN'T EVEN
TOUCH ME!



KILL ME AND
YOU'LL VIOLATE
YOUR FEEBLE
'WAY OF LIFE'!
HAHAHA!



UGH!
...!!

OH MY
MY, YOU'RE
STILL
ALIVE?



THAT'S NO
GOOD.



MA...
MA-NO!





I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, BUT...



...I CAN'T STAND BASTARDS LIKE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE LITTLE PEOPLE!



MA-NO, YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THIS. I'M THE ONE THEY WANT!

I KNOW.



BUT I THINK YOU COULD USE A HAND WITH ALL OF THEM.



WHO'S THEM? HE'S ALONE... THERE'S NO ONE ELSE HERE!



KEKE KE!



THAT'S SOME MASK YOU HAVE THERE...



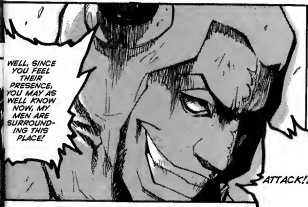
UGH!



YOU SWITCHED YOUR MASK...!



WHY DON'T YOU GO FIRST, CHINWOO?



WELL, SINCE YOU FEEL THEIR PRESENCE, YOU MAY AS WELL KNOW NOW, MY MEN ARE SURROUNDING THIS PLACE!

ATTACK!!









BY THE WAY,
CHIWO,
ARE YOU A
MANGNANI?

WELL...
UM...

IT'S NOT LIKE I
CARE. I WAS JUST
CURIOUS ABOUT
THE JUSTICE
THING THAT
BASTARD WAS
TALKING ABOUT
BEFORE.

WAI-NO, DO
YOU ALSO
THINK IT'S
WRONG TO
USE JUSTICE
AS AN EXCUSE
TO SPARE
PEOPLE'S LIVES?

YANGBANS*
KILLED THEM FOR
THEIR ENTERTAIN-
MENT. ALL
BECAUSE THEY
WERE OF A LOWER
CLASS.

MANGNANI, THE HIGHEST RANKING
IN THE CHOSUN ISLAND. THEY WERE
EQUALS TO THE SOHNS.

ONE DAY MY NEIGH-
BOR, WHO CARRIED ME
ON HIS SHOULDERS
INTO TOWN WAS
MURDERED. THE NEXT
WEEK, ANOTHER
FRIEND WOULD
BECOME A CORPSE.

WE DIDN'T STAY
LONG, BUT IN
THAT SHORT TIME,
I FELT TOO MUCH
PAIN, AND LOST
TOO MANY
FRIENDS.

WELL, NOT WRONG,
PER SAY, BUT, OVERLY
SYMPATHETIC. SEE HOW
YOU DRAGGED THAT GUY
OVER HERE, WHY WOULD
YOU HELP OUT AN
ENEMY?

I SPENT
MY CHILD-
HOOD IN A
VILLAGE OF
SLAVES.

TO THE
VILLAGERS,
DEATH WAS
AN EVERYDAY
THING.

AH...
I SEE
NOW!!

SUCH
A
TRAG-
EDY...!!

I CAN'T
STAND
PEOPLE
TREATING
LIFE SO
CHEAPLY.
FOR ANY
REASON!!

LISTEN UP,
MANG-
NANI!!

OH...
WHO'S
THAT?

COME OUT,
COME OUT,
WHERE EVER
YOU ARE!

I'VE GOT
A NICE
SURPRISE
FOR YOU!!



ALRIGHT!
I'LL TAKE
GOOD CARE
OF HIM THIS
TIME!

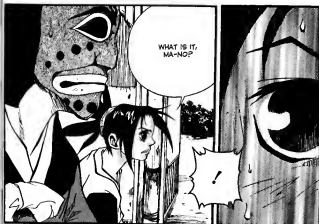
CHIWOOD,
YOU STAY
HERE. SIT
BACK AND
WATCH THE
REAL POWER
OF THE
MASK!

NO!
THIS
THING, I'M
COMING
TOO!

HMM...
STAY RIGHT
BEHIND ME
THEN. OK?

NOW! LET'S
GO KICK
SOME
ASS...P!

WHAT
THE...P!!



WHAT IS IT,
MA-NOP?

!



HAHA
HA...
GOTCHA!

SHALL
I
INTRO-
DUCE
YOU?

THESE WERE ONCE MANGNA-NIS LIKE YOU, BUT NOW THEY'RE OUR PRISONERS!!

BOOOOOOM

KEKEKE...

MANG-NAN'S... LIKE ME?

THEIR LIVES ARE IN YOUR HANDS, CHIWOO!

HAHAHA-AREN'T YOU HAVING FUN YET?

MANGIANIS, DOCTORS, AND CLOWNS

THE HIERARCHY OF CHINESE SOCIETY IN 1910 WAS BASED ON THE CLASS OF THE INDIVIDUAL. THAT MEANS THAT THERE WERE FOUR CLASSES IN SOCIETY, WITH THE LARGEST CLASS OF MIDDLE-LEVEL OFFICIALS, SELF-EMPLOYED YOUNG MEN, WISDOMEN, AND MIDDLE-LEVEL TECHNICAL PERSONS. SUCH AN INTERPRETATION OF CHINESE ADMINISTRATIVE CLASS, AND COURT PATRIARCHY, IS THE MOST COMMONLY USED. YOUNG MEN WERE COMPOSED OF PERSONS WHOSE FATHERS WERE OFFICIALS AND COMMUNAL TRADING FAMILIES. THEY HAD TO BE FORMALLY EDUCATED AND PRIVATELY EDUCATED IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH. NOT ALL OF THEM COULD AFFORD TO COMPILE THE EDUCATION. BUT THEY COULD BE ROUGHLY MIDDLE-LEVEL. IN THE CHINESE CLASS, THERE WERE FOUR CLASSES. THE LARGEST CLASS WAS THE MIDDLE-LEVEL CLASS. THE SECOND LARGEST WAS THE COURT PATRIARCHY. THE THIRD LARGEST WAS THE WISDOMEN. THE SMALLEST WAS THE SELF-EMPLOYED YOUNG MEN.

WILDLANDS

THESE THINGS ARE NOT TRUE. THE ONLY REASON WHY SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE IN THEM IS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE TO ANY WAY TO MAKE SURE OF KOREAN NATIONAL IDENTITY. THAT MANGNANI ARE ALWAYS IDENTIFIED WITH STIRRELED HAIR AND TATTERED RAGGY CLOTHES. THEY WALK LIKE INSANE MAFIACAS WITH A WORD REPERTOIR OF CRIMINAL AND THE CROWD. THEY ALSO GO CRAZY AND GO AS DRIVING AND SPITTING AND SINGING AND WHISTLING. THEY SAY THEY WANT TO EATING WHILE DOING THE SAME THING. LAUGHING IN A VERY INHUMAN MANNER. SO KOREAN PEOPLE DO HAVE A NEGATIVE PERCEPTION OF THEM. BUT THE REAL REASON FOR HATING ABOUT MANGNANI IS IN A DISPROPORTION. WHY? MANGNANI HAVE GOTTEN FROM A NATIONAL IDENTITY COMMITTED SERIOUS OFFENSES. ALSO BE SELECTED GROUPS OF BASKING/NOTHINGNESS, BUT NOT LUST. THEREFORE, IT IS ALSO A NATIONAL AIR WILL EVER THOUGH MANGNANI HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SUCH A NATIONAL IDENTITY FOR MANY YEARS. BUT IT IS NOT THE WAY TO GO. WE HOPE TO BE A NATIONAL IDENTITY IN THE FUTURE. WE SHOULD LISTEN AND LISTEN IF THERE ARE ANY OTHERS WHO HONORED NAME OF MANGNANI. THAT IS THE ACT. WE SHALL WE.

DOCTOR!

AS IS TRUE IN THE REST OF THE WORLD, DOCTORS HOLD ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED POSITIONS IN CHINA. NOW, THIS LIFE-MAKING QUALITY IS UNDER A NEW SIDE OF RESPECTABLE. IN THE CHUJIN ERA, ONLY CHILDREN OF DOCTORS COULD BECOME DOCTORS. FOR EXAMPLE, CHUJING COULD LEARN MEDICAL PRACTICES, BUT THEY NEVER HAVE THE TITLE OF A DOCTOR. CHUJUNING, ON



CLOWNS

[illegible]

MA-NO: I WISH YOU WERE MY YOUNG MAN. WHEN CHEWOO ASKED IF MA-NO
WAS A FATHER AND MA-NO REPLIED, "NOW I AM YOU!" I'M
A FATHER, DADBLER! IT'S BECAUSE I'M AN OLD FATHER
WISHING THAT I WERE A YOUNG MAN. SINCE THE REASON
FOR HIS BEING A YOUNG MAN IS THAT HE WAS THE FIRST
AFTER THE FLOOD, HE CAN EVEN BE THE FIRST YOUNG MAN
MYUNG, AFTER THAT, HE IS A FATHER.



治天下





THAT
BOY IS
CHIWOO?



STOP!

THUD
DOOM

CRANK
CRANK
CRANK

KKK, IT SUITS YOU WELL BUT YOU'RE STILL MISSING SOMETHING!

...?

I'LL GO!

NO, CHIWOO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM!

MA-NO YOU HEARD HIM TOO THEY'RE MANGNANIS LIKE ME!

I'M A PART OF THEM... THEY'RE MY FAMILY.

THIS IS FOR BEING A PAIN IN MY ASS!!

BAM

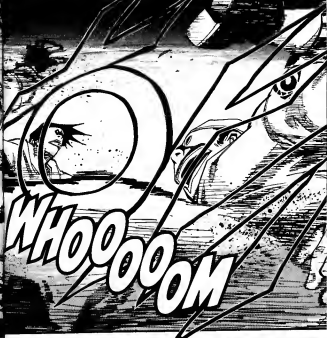
THIS IS MY DUTY, AND MINE ALONE.

HANA... GOOD!! NOW CHAIN HIM!

THUMP

CHIWOO!!







I WILL
NEVER
FORGIVE
YOU!!



YOU'RE A
FOOL,
CHI-woo!



NOW,
WHO'S
THAT
KNOCK-
OUT?!



IT'S YUN-
HWAH-NIM!!



HOW
LONG ARE
YOU
GOING TO
REMAIN
SO WEAK
TO THE
PLEAS OF
THE
WICKED?!



KILL HIM
RIGHT
NOW!

STOP
DENYING YOUR
DESTINY AND
EMBRACE THE
MANGNANI!

THIS IS
NONE
OF
YOUR BUSI-
NESS!



A
MANG-
NANI
IS THE
LAST
THING
THAT I
WANT
TO SEE!



GRAB
THE
YUN-
YUNG-
DO,
CHI-
woo.

NO! I
DON'T
WANT TO
HURT
ANYONE!!



YOU FOOL!
IF YOU LET
HIM LIVE,
HE'LL GO ON
KILLING!!

YOU
JUST
DON'T
WANT
TO
DIRTY
YOUR
OWN
HANDS!





YUN-
HWAH-NIM...
THERE'S NO
NEED TO
SCOLD THE
BOY SO!



JANGRO*-
NIM!



*JANGRO REFERS A SENIOR

OH!
SO, THIS
IS THE
FAMOUS
YUN-
YUNG-
DO!



I DON'T
KNOW!!
BUT
SHOULDN'T
HE AT
LEAST HAVE
A CHANCE
TO REDEEM
HIMSELF?

DEATH
ISN'T
ALWAYS
THE BEST
SOLU-
TION!!



O!
CONDEMNED
CRIMINAL!
BE ON OUR
KNEES AND
RAISE YOUR
HEAD!



TRUE...WE'LL SAID.
IF THAT'S YOUR
WISH...I HAVE
NOTHING MORE
TO SAY, BUT
WATCH CAREFULLY,
NOW...



CHIWOO,
THIS MAN
COMMITTED A
CRIME, AND
HE SURELY
WILL DO SO
AGAIN...



NEVERTHE-
LESS, DO
YOU REALLY
THINK I
SHOULD LET
HIM LIVE?



NO WAY,
IS THAT
OLD MAN
GOING TO
KILL
HIM...?!



DE
FLAP



WATCH
CAREFULLY,
CHIWOO!

THAT IS
THE
SUHYU-
MOO*
DANCE
A RITUAL
FOR US
MANGNA-
NIS

*SUHYUMOO
IS THE RITUAL
DANCE FOR
FORGIVING
SINS



THAT'S
DANCING? IT
DOESN'T LOOK
LIKE A
DANCE... IT'S
SOFT...
BEAUTIFUL...
AND... MOST
OF ALL...



...SO MELAN-
CHOLIC. THAT'S
THE RITUAL
DANCE OF
MANGNAN'IP.

Stage 8. The Meaning of Forgiveness.

THROUGH YOUR
TEARS... I SEE THAT
YOU UNDERSTAND
THE DEEP MEANING
BEHIND THE
RITUAL...



MY CHILD...
DID YOU
UNDERSTAND
WHAT I WAS
TRYING TO
EXPRESS
THROUGH THE
SWORD DANCE?



WW... WHAT
THE? WHY AM
I CRYING?



TELL ME
BOY.

WHAT DID
YOU TRULY
FEEL?



A REQUEST
TO HEAVEN
TO FORGIVE
ALL THE SINS
OF THE
CRIMINAL!

THAT IS
SUHYUMOO!
RIGHT?

*MUGAN-SICK IS THE ONE OF EIGHT BURNING
HELLS OF BUDDHISM. BUDDHISTS SAY SINNERS
THERE ARE TORTURED IN ENDLESS PAINS.



HANA...
THOUGH
THIS MUST
BE YOUR
FIRST TIME,
YOU
UNDER-
STAND IT
WELL.

YES, CHIWOO.
IF A MANGNANI
OFFERS SUHYU-
MOO BEFORE THE
EXECUTION, THE
CRIMINALS ARE
CLEANSED OF ALL
THEIR SINS IN
EXCHANGE FOR
THEIR LIVES.



THEN,
THESE SOULS
WON'T GO TO
MUGAN-
SICK.
INSTEAD
THEY'LL BE
REBORN IN THIS
WORLD.



SO
THAT'S
THE DUTY OF
MANG-
NANI'S...



YES...
AND THERE'S
ONE MORE
THING YOU
NEED TO
KNOW.

IF MANGNANIS
PERFORM THE
DANCE WITHOUT
TRUE FORGIVENESS
FOR THE
SINNERS, THE
SOULS WILL
END UP BEING
TORMENTED IN
THE INFERNO
FOREVER.



THIS MAN IS
GUILTY OF
IMPRISONING
ALL US
MANGNANIS,
AND SELLING
OUR WIVES
AND CHILDREN
AS SLAVES.



HE TORE OUT
THE LIGAMENTS
AND MUSCLES OF
THE CAPTURED
TO KEEP THEM
FROM RUNNING
AWAY.



HE PERFORMED
UNSPEAKABLE
TORTURES ON
THEM JUST TO
FEED HIS EVIL
APPETITE.



MANY
HAVE DIED
A PAINFUL
DEATH.



SUCH
EVIL IS...
UNFORGIVABLE...!



BAG-
TARD!



PLEASE,
SPARE
ME!

JUST
SPARE
MY LIFE!



CAN YOU
FORGIVE
THIS
SINNER,
CHINWOOP?

WAAH-!

COULD YOU
BE ABLE TO TRULY
FORGIVE HIM
ENOUGH TO SAVE
HIM FROM THE
INFERNO?

WITH THIS
YUHYUNG-
DO OF
YOURS!



PLEASE,
CHIWOO-
NIM!
I PROMISE
TO BE A
GOOD MAN!



I'LL
STOP
BEING A
SOLDIER!



I NEVER
WANTED
TO HURT
ANYONE,
REALLY!
I WAS
ORDERED
TO!



GLANCE



I HAVE
BEHEADED
SO MANY
SINNER'S
SINCE
BECOMING
A MANG-
NANI!



THIS
IS MY WAY
OF FORGIV-
ING THEM!!

THE CHOICE
IS YOURS,
CHIWOO...
YOUR WAY
OR MINE...
THERE ARE
MANY
WAYS OF
FORGIVING
PEOPLE.



CHIWOO, IT'S
POSSIBLE THAT
YOU MAY NOT
USE THIS
SWORD EVEN
ONCE.



BUT DON'T
FORGET THIS,
MY DEAR BOY...
IT'S NOT
HOW YOU DO
IT THAT'S
IMPORTANT,
BUT WHY YOU
DO IT: FOR
THE LOVE OF
YOUR FELLOW
MAN.



LOOK DEEP
INTO YOURSELF
AND REALIZE
THAT YOUR
POWER EXISTS
FOR THE SAKE
OF OTHERS,
FOR YOUR
FELLOW MAN!!

YOU MAY BECOME
ANY TYPE OF MANG-
NANI YOU
WISH TO
BE.



DAMN-
THAT
OLD
DUDE
WAS
SO
COOL!



"REALIZE
THAT YOUR
POWER
EXISTS FOR
THE SAKE
OF OTHERS,
FOR YOUR
FELLOW
MAN!!"

HOW WAS
THAT,
EXACTLY
LIKE HIM,
RIGHT?
KYAKY-
AKYA-!



HAAMP



WHAT'S WRONG?
ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THE MANGNANIS YOU LEFT BEHIND?

WELL, I GUESS THAT TOO...



NOW WHAT WE HAVE TO DO IS TO SEARCH FOR YOUR FATHER!



BUT, WHERE IN THIS HUGE MESSED UP WORLD ARE YOU GOING TO FIND HIM?



WELL, WE SHOULD GET THE NECK OUT OF THIS HELL HOLE FIRST!



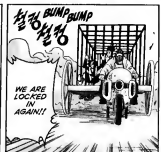
HEY, DON'T WORRY SO MUCH! THAT GUY YOU RESCUED PROMISED TO WATCH OVER THEM!

YOU CAN RELY ON ME, CHIWOO. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM UNTIL YOU RETURN!!



STUMP

THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!!



BUMP BUMP

WE ARE LOCKED IN AGAIN!!



IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, MA-NO!

WHATP? WHAT DID I DO? YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME TO ASK FOR DIRECTIONS!!



WHY'D YOU HAVE TO ASK SLAVE TRADERS OF ALL PEOPLE!

SHFF NO

OK, OK! I'LL
FIGURE OUT A
WAY FOR US TO
ESCAPE!

YOU BETTER!
USE YOUR
THIEF MASK!
BE QUICK!

BURRRRRRRRR

EMP WHAT
IS THAT?
A PLAY
THING?

WHAT?
ARE YOU
SERI-
OUS?
SHOW
ME THE
SWORD!

LET'S
GUICE
OPEN
THE
IRON
BLADE
WITH IT!

OK,
HOLD
ON.

YUHR-
YUNGGOO'S
SEALED INTO
IT.

OH, RIGHT!
THEY TOOK
MY BAG!

FINE! I'LL
TAKE CARE
OF THIS.

**RUSTLE
FIZZ
RUSTLE**

CRAP-
WHAT AM
I GONNA
DO NOW?
THEY'LL
SELL ME
OFF TO
THE
BROTHEL
AS A
BOYTOY!!

TAN-DAH

KYYYYYYYYK

HERE WE
ARE, KIDS!
TIME TO
COME
OUT!



DO WE REALLY
HAVE TO PUT
THE KIDS IN
THAT ROOM?

WHERE
ELSE?
THERE'RE
NO OTHER
VACANCIES
HERE.



TSK.
TSK...
POOR
BAS-
TARDS.

LOCKED IN
THE SAME
ROOM WITH
BI-HYUN!



THIS MUST
BE A
PRISON.
KINDA
CREEPY
HERE.

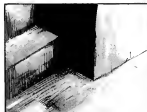
MAN- I'M
COVERED
IN
GOOSE-
BUMPS!



HURRY UP
NOW! WE'RE
ALMOST
THERE!



BI...
BI-HYUN?
YOU MEAN
BI-HYUN,
THE
MANG-
NANIP



MAN-
GNANIP
WELL...



GO ASK
YOURSELF,
KID. YOU'RE
ALREADY
HERE!
HAAAAHA!!



KLAAM!



BETTER
STAY AWAY
FROM HIM
IF YOU
WANT TO
STAY
ALIVE!



I CAN'T SEE WHAT IT
IS. IT'S TOO DARK IN
HERE. I'M GOING
CLOSER.

KOOM!

WH...
WHATP
NO, LET'S
JUST
STAY
HERE!



THEY
SAID IT'S
BI-HYUN.

SO
WHATP



WHAT
THE
HELL
ARE
THEY
TALK-
ING
ABOUTP



SHH!
DID YOU
HEAR
THATP

GEEZ!
STOP
FREAKIN'
ME OUT!



LISTEN!
RIGHT
OVER
THERE!

**MI/O
CREEK
O/CREEK**



BI-HYUN
IS MY
FATHER'S
NAME!



CRASH!

**KLAM!
KLAM!**

EKK!
YOU
WEREN'T
KIDDING!



I SHOULD
CHECK IT
OUT. JUST
TO MAKE
SURE...

O...OK.
I'M
COMING
WITH YOU.



JEEZ!
IT'S TOO
DARK.
I CAN'T
SEE
ANY-
THING...

EHHH WHAT
IS THATP
I THINK
THE
CEILING'S
LEAKING.



UGH...
IT'S A
BIT
STICKY
TO BE
WATER

EKK!
IT'S
BLOOD!

THE
FLOOR'S
COVERED
IN BONES!



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Appendix

About the creators

From the creators

Heavenly Executioner **CHIWOO**

Kang-Ho Park/Ho-No Lee

Artist : Kang-Ho Park

Since his debut in 2002, he has been gaining great popularity through his unique style and awesome action stils. His Oriental art style combines well with a historical perspective in <Heavenly Executioner Chiwoo>, which was awarded the Korean Cultural Content Award in 2004, and the Best Contemporary Manhwa Award in 2005.

Other Major Works

<Chun-Wu-Shin-Jo>

Writer : Ho-No Lee

Though this is her first piece, her unique ability to intertwine elements of Korean history with fantasy is making waves in the manhwa field. Though not technically an expert in Korean history, she is quite the history buff. She reads many books, which allows her to develop her own perspectives on historical facts. This could be where she gets her special power to create such great works.

The powerful and mystical fantasy world hidden within history.

With the powerful and unique drawings and a truly dramatic story, the history of Manganis is reborn! The whole new world of fantasy action will take you to a journey way beyond your imagination!

Character Introduction

인물소개

Heavenly Executioner **CHIWOO**

Kang-Ho Park/Ho-No Lee



Chiwoo

Chiwoo is the son of Bi-Hyun, a legendary Manganis. However, he was raised by Wol-Baek, Bi-Hyun's friend, and has never seen his father. When he faces his fate of becoming a manganis, he starts a journey to find his father.



Yi-Yun

One of the 4 great generals with mighty power. To avenge the death of his father who was killed by Bi-Hyun, he is chasing after Chiwoo. But when he meets him in person, he gives Chiwoo another chance to redeem himself.



Mo-No

The country's one and only Mask Magician. He can gain the power of the mask whenever he puts it on. By saving Chiwoo's life, he ends up going on a journey with Chiwoo to find Bi-Hyun.



Wol-Baek

Bi-Hyun's friend who raised Chiwoo. He believes in the sound willpower of Chiwoo, and considers him to be his own son.



Getting Personal : Interview with the Creator

Heavenly Executioner **CHIWOO**

Art by Kang-Ho Park, Story by Ha-Na Lee.

Having initially debuted in Korea in IQ Jump, a Korean biweekly manga magazine, with <Chun-Wu-Shen-Jo> in 2002, Kang-Ho Park's work is now spreading globally, creating a sensation in France and other European nations. His unique artistic style is reminiscent of the traditional Eastern painting style, featuring black and white Oriental paintings.

The storyteller of this title, Ha-Na Lee has wowed the critics with her ability to smoothly integrate elements of Korean history into a fantasy story. It may surprise you to know that Heavenly Executioner Chiwoo is her first piece.

Let's get the lowdown on them, their experiences creating and thoughts about <Heavenly Executioner Chiwoo>.

Q. What is your opinion of your own work of art, <Heavenly Executioner Chiwoo>?

Kang-Ho: I'm very critical of myself so I'm never completely happy with what I do, as I find lots of areas for improvement. Of course, I



enjoyed the work immensely, but I still see room for improvement.

Ha-Na: Same here. I'm not so pleased with my work. Although I did my best on it, I still feel like it could be better.

Q. Could you tell us a little about your routine for developing a book and how you work together?

Kang-Ho: First Ha-na writes a plot synopsis, then we discuss it and develop the comic together. After that we finalize the script and then it's time for the artwork. If there are some revisions needed after the final draft, we do them, but of course, it's a long, painful process. However, we have not killed each other yet (laughs).

Q. The subtitles are really impressive. What are your guidelines for making subtitles?

Ha-Na: The main point is to add some subtle implications in the subtitles. I have found that there are a lot of Eastern maxims that suit the story well. At times, I like to use the subtitles to foreshadow some upcoming events in future stories as well.

Q. The characters in <Heavenly Executioner Chiwoo> are very distinct individuals. What is the most important thing to consider when creating a character?

Kang-Ho: I love yjly characters. Actually, I think that these characters are really pretty typical characters.

Q. In <Heavenly Executioner Chinwoo>, who are your favorite and least favorite characters?

Kang-Ho: I love Yi-Yun the most. Yi-Yun was actually my first character. As for the least favorite, well, there is no character that I don't love, because I feel that they are all my sons and daughters.

Ha-Na: I like Yi-Yun the most and I guess Yun-Hwah would be my least favorite.

Q. So, what else do you enjoy doing in your free time?

Kang-Ho: This is a hard one to answer because I really don't have much leisure time these days. I used to read comic books and make scribbles before I became a manhwa artist.

Ha-Na: I listen to music, read books and play video games in my free time.

Q. Do you have anything that you want to say to your fans?

Kang-Ho: I hope you enjoy our work. We will be back with a better price.

Ha-Na: I wish you all just have fun with our work. 



*Congratulatory
illustration from
Do-Ae, my teachers.*

Little notes from the creators

Wow... the first issue is finally out!

Thank you so much Ha-Na, for your great story. Also, I want to send my special thanks to Dofine, the creator of the famous <GwongPukNanMu>, for the congratulatory illustration. It was very difficult to produce in a weekly magazine, but it was well worth it. I had a hard, yet very rewarding time creating this title.

I hope you will enjoy it as well!

- Kang-Ho Park, Artist -

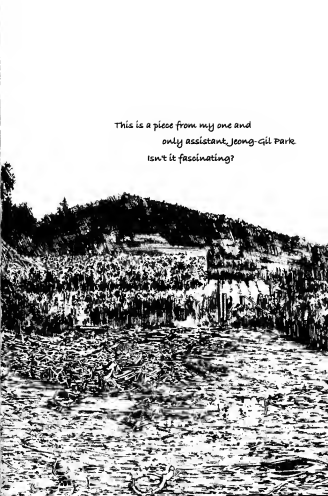
I am really happy to have the first issue out.

So many people worked hard to make this happen, and I would like to thank them all. Also, I would like to send my special thanks to our editors, and most of all to Kang-Ho for all of his hard work. I hope the readers enjoy it as much as we did!

- He-Ne Lee, Writer -



This is a piece from my one and
only assistant Jeong-gil Park
Isn't it fascinating?



*Saras
& KickTheKitty*

